United States Military Academy
Directorate of Admissions

United States Military Academy

Worldwide Army Retention Conference

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The Corps Starts Here!

The Premier Institution for Leader Development

Mission

To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.

Educate

Train

Inspire

My Mission

Soldier Admissions & USMAPS

- **What is West Point and USMAPS?**
- **Can soldiers really get into West Point?**
- **Are there any advantages for soldiers entering West Point?**
- **Inform Soldiers about the Education and Career opportunities that West Point offers**

<u>Bottomline</u>:
85 Regular Army Scholarships
85 Reserves/National Guard Scholarships

Counseling Theme

"Retain Quality Soldiers & Recognize Potential for the Army's Future Officer Corps"

If considering a college education and a military career, consider West Point.

Informed decisions about choosing West Point and the Army:

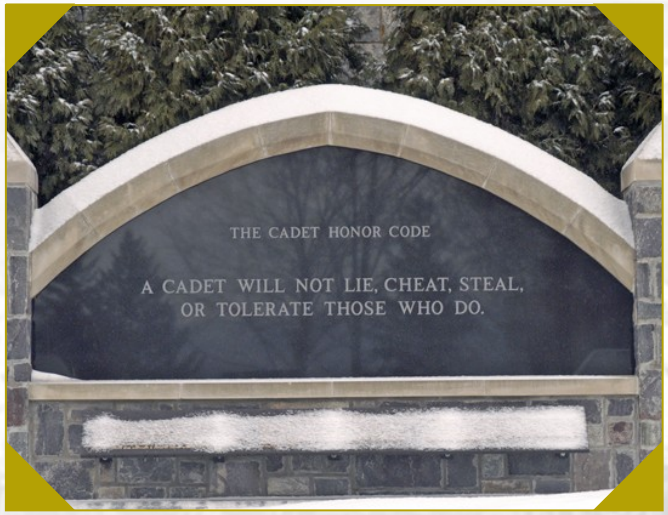
- Read about West Point and the role of the officer in the Army.
- View videos online and attend Installation West Point Briefings.
- Discuss the opportunities and challenges with graduates.

Seriously consider an offer of admission to West Point based on factual information about the Military Academy, the Army, selfless service as an officer, and personal goals.

NCOs - Career Counselors are KEY to identifying our Army's future leadership!

The West Point Experience

- Military Academy
- Honor Code
- Senior Class Responsible for Leadersh
- Summer Training
- Broad Academic Experience
- Activities
- Financial Independence
- Career Opportunities



Academic Program

The Curriculum

10-14 Electives for Major

8 Military Science

7 Physical Education

The Core

16 Courses in Humanities, Behavioral Sciences, and Social Sciences

11 Courses in Math, Basic Sciences, and Information Technology

3 Courses in Engineering Science

USMA & USMAPS CANDIDATE SELECTION

Determine Initial Qualification

Age: Be at least 17 but not yet 23 years old on 1 July

Citizenship: Be a U.S. citizen at the time of entrance

Marital Status: Be unmarried, not pregnant, and w/ no legal obligation to support a child

Character: Show evidence of trustworthiness, emotional stability, and good character

Leadership Potential: Demonstrate leadership in secondary school extracurricular, athletic, and community activities

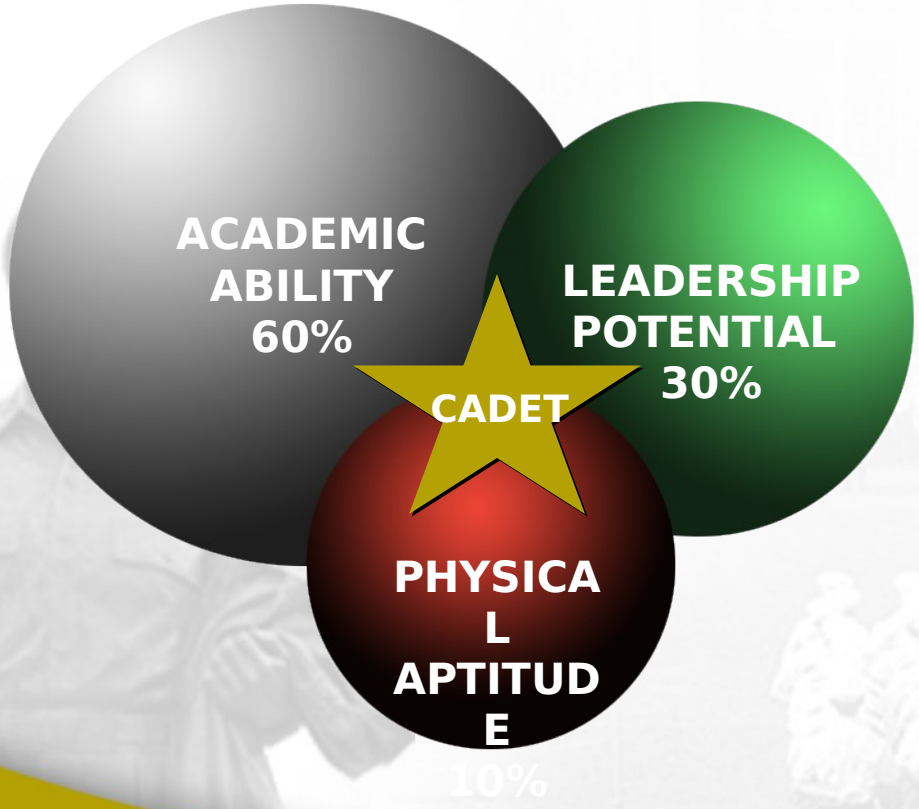
Physical Condition: Be physically fit. Demonstrate above average strength, endurance, & agility as measured by the CFA

Medical Condition: Be in good physical and mental health. Pass a complete medical exam administered by DODMERB

Scholarship: Show adequate preparation for and potential to succeed in the academic environment at the Academy. Have an above- average High School or College academic record and strong performance on ACT/SAT

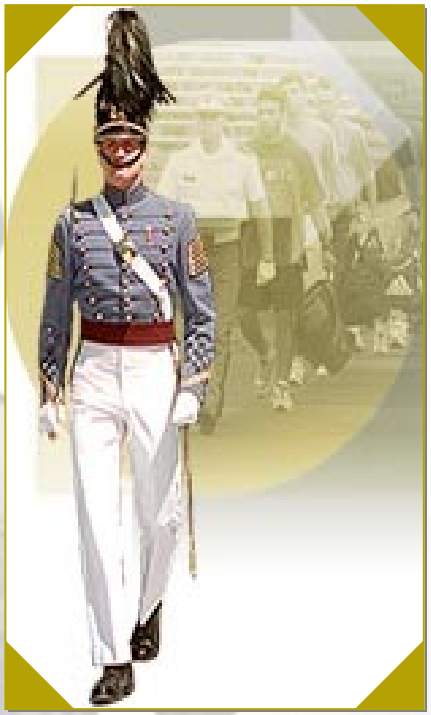
Motivation: Possess the determination to succeed as a cadet and as an Army officer

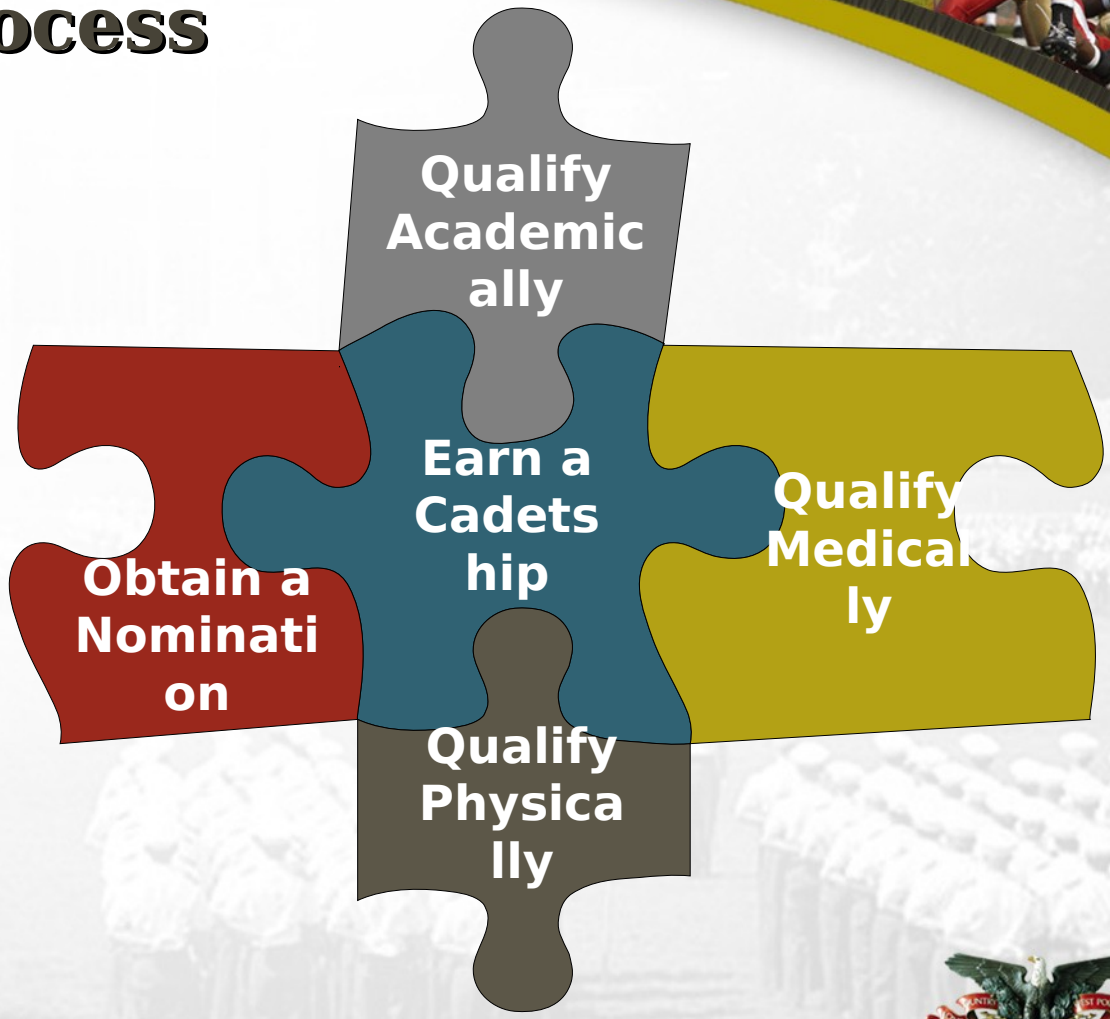
Whole Candidate Concept



West Point seeks well-rounded soldiers who demonstrate excellent academic ability, leadership potential, and physical aptitude.

The 5 Pieces of the Admissions Process





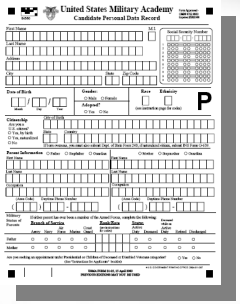
Academic Preparation

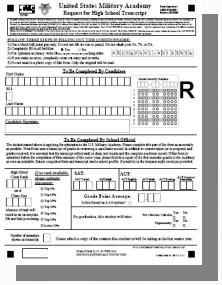
- High School/College Transcripts are IMPORTANT
- College Prep
- Cadet Candidate USMAPS

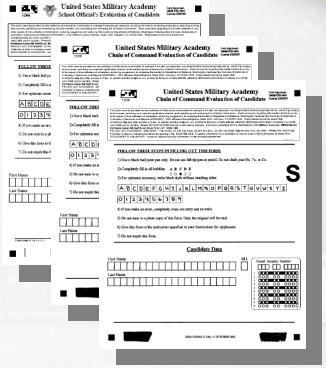
English	4 Years
Mathematics (including Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus)	4 Years
Laboratory Science	2 Years
Foreign Language	2 Years
United States History	1 Year
Computer Technology	1 Year

Academic and Physical Qualificati

- Personal Data Record
- Request for Transcript
  - SAT/ACT Scores
  - Class Rank
  - Grade Point Average
- School Official Evaluations (SOE
  - English, Math, Chemistry or Phys
- Essay / Candidate Statement
- Activities Record
- Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)



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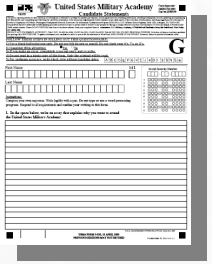
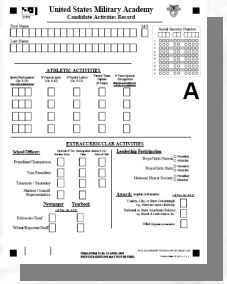
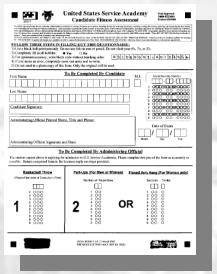






Admissions Strategy for Soldiers

- Apply to all available nomination sources …..***EARLY***
- Complete Candidate Kit ……***EARLY***
- Get Medically Qualified ……***EARLY***
- Take ACT and/or SAT multiple times
- Practice for the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Prepare file carefully with emphasis on the Personal Statements-Essays
- Consider ROTC in addition to West Point
- Make the Admissions Decision that is right for the Soldier!
- Be recommended by Commander

Raw Numbers

988 soldiers applied (2005)

Includes 211 USMAPS candidates

- 518 Regular Army
  - 34 USMA 35 USMAPS
- 338 Reservists
  - 5 USMA 12 USMAPS
- 132 National Guard
  - 12 USMA 8 USMAPS

NOTE: 29 Combat Veterans Admitted

Emerging Trend:

As the GWOT continues, there will be an increase in young, Combat Veterans applying and admitting to West Point

An important dynamic to the Corps of Cadets and for future Platoon Leaders

THE ROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL (USMAPS)

Fort Monmouth, NJ

Age: Be at least 17 but not yet 22 years old on 1 July

USMAPS

Mission: To provide focused academic, military, and physical instruction in a moral-ethical military environment in order to prepare and motivate candidates for success at the United States Military Academy.

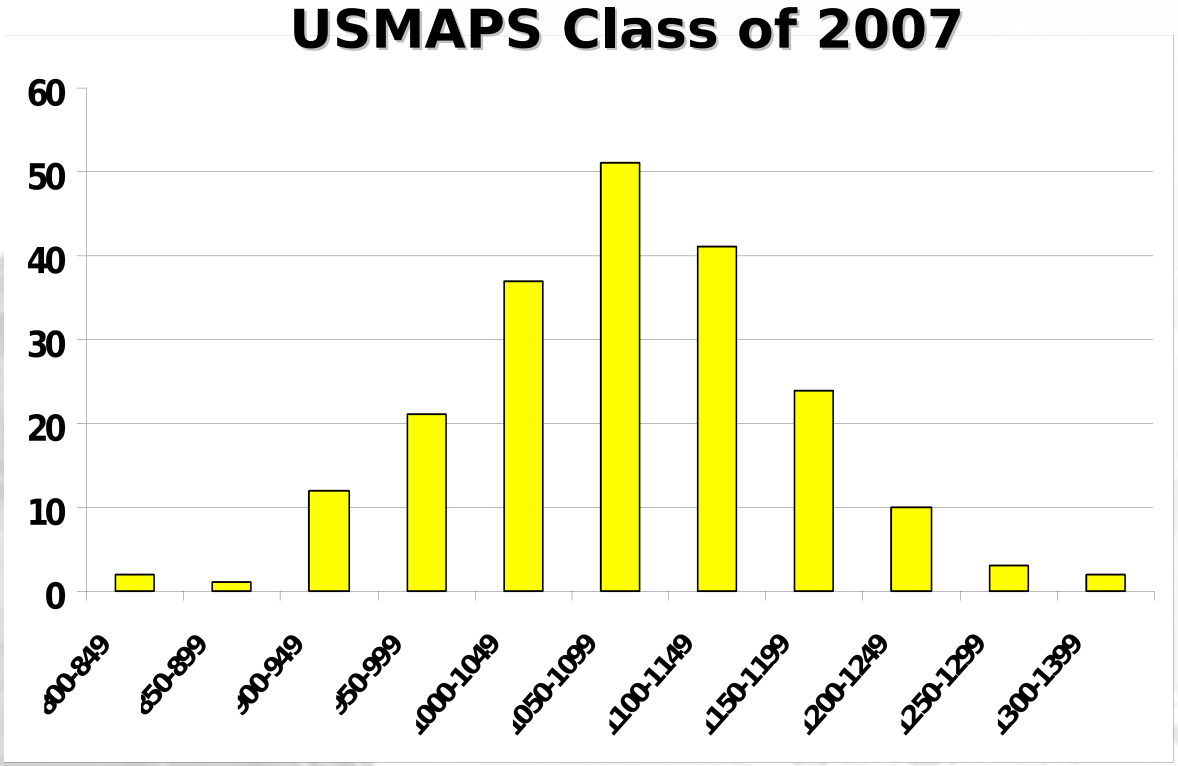
- Primarily for Enlisted Soldiers, minority candidates, and recruited athletes
- A candidate must be **academically disqualified** to be eligible for USMAPS
- 240 vacancies at USMAPS
- On average 180-190 enter USMA
- Demographics: Afr Am 50-55; Hisp 30-35; Ath 85-100; Sldrs 45-60; remaining vacancies go to discretion of Regional Commanders

2007 CLASS COMPOSITION

Class Size - 240

Component:	**RA/NG/AR**	**35/6/3***
	***13 Combat Veterans**	
	Invitational Reservist	**196**
Gender:	**Male**	**204**
	Female	**36**
Minorities:	**African American**	**50**
	Hispanic	**38**
	Other	**32**
	Total	**120**

SAT Performance



USMAPS
Average SAT

Class ’07 – 1083
Class ’06 – 1102

USMA
Average SAT

Class ’10 – 1277
Class ’09 – 1278

MEAN SAT: 547 V / 555 M
MEAN ACT: 22 E / 23 M / 23 SR / 24 R

USMAPS Academic Program

- **10-Month Academic Program to include CCBT at Ft. Dix**
  - Assessment Testing Determines Academic Track
  - Comprehensive Review of HS English / Math to Prepare for SAT's
  - Advanced English / Math to Prepare for 1st Year

Quarter System (~34 Class days per Quarter)

Academics	
English	51 Hours
Mathematics	68 Hours
Student Development Course	17 Hours
Physical Education	34 Hours
Additional Instruction	23 Hours
Athletics/Personal Fitness	102 Hours

USMA ADMISSIONS

USMAPS POI aimed at USMA desired entry level skills

USMAPS Grading - Criterion Based

- OBTAIN A 70% OR BETTER IN EACH ACADEMIC COURSE FOR EACH QUARTER

- ACHIEVE THE ESTABLISHED PHYSICAL FITNESS PERFORMANCE AND MILITARY STANDARDS

Performance Factors

- Motivation to Attend and Succeed at West Point

- Internalize Army Values-Especially Honor and Respect

- Passing the Student Success Development Course (SDC)

- Military Performance: Conduct, Peer Evaluations, BTD Grade

Appointments to USMA based on:

1. Achievement of USMAPS program standards
2. Meeting DOD medical standards
3. Commandant's Recommendation
4. Approval by Admissions Committee, USMA

Compete for Cadetship

- Files must be complete by 1 March
- Soldiers' deadline…as long as slots available…but
- West Point uses a "rolling" admissions process; the earlier your file is complete, the earlier you will be considered for qualification and selection

Report as a Cadet

- Reception Day ("R-day") for Class of 2011 is 22 June 2007
- Reception Day for Prep School is 13 July 2007
- PCS move for soldiers
- 13 Months SRR for Direct Admits & 25 months for Prep School

  > Re-enlist or Extend if needed

Counseling Points

Maximize Exposure to Information

- **Publication Mailouts**
  - What to expect - Preparation
  - Description of Summer Training
  - Parents and New Cadet Information
  - Letter from Honor Chairman
    - Ethics Book Mailing – Late May
  - Superintendent's Video
- **Explore** www.usma.edu
- **Ask Questions**
  - Admissions Officers
  - Field Force Members
  - Local Area Cadets and Graduates
  - West Point Parents Club
- **Retain Soldiers-Our Future Commar**

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Join the "Long Gray Line"
USMA is renowned as an historic and distinguished military academy, and a leading, progressive institution of higher education. Made legendary in books and movies, the Academy's "Long Gray Line" includes some of our nation's most famous leaders: Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, George S. Patton, Omar Bradley, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, and Norman Schwarzkopf.
ROBERT E. LEE
Class of 1829
General in Chief
Confederate Armies
Because of this superb education and leadership experience, West Point graduates historically have been sought for high-level civilian and military leadership positions, including two U.S. Presidents, several ambassadors, state governors, legislators, judges, cabinet members, educators, astronauts, engineers, and corporate executives.
Today, West Point continues to provide hundreds of young men and women the unique opportunity to develop physically, ethically, and intellectually while building a foundation for an exciting, challenging, and rewarding career as an Army officer in the service of our nation.
IMPORTANT DATES
28 February 2006:
USMA application file completion deadline unless otherwise
MULTIMEDIA
Streaming Windows Media files unless indicated
THE U.S. ARMY
The Soldier's Creed: Zipped MPEG, 20MB
RECEPTION DAY
Brief/ bussing: Hi | Lo
Inprocessing: Hi | Lo
Haircuts: Hi | Lo
Central Area: Hi | Lo
Oath: Hi | Lo
CADET BASIC TRAINING
(First summer)
Rifle Drill: Hi | Lo
Leader Reaction: Hi | Lo
6K March: Hi | Lo
Warrior Comp.: Hi | Lo
Morning Run: Hi | Lo
ITT Training: Hi | Lo
Rifle Range: Hi | Lo

Questions ?

BACK-UPS

Why West Point?

Classes of 2002 – 2006

Reason	Overall
Desire to be an Army Officer	23
USMA's Overall Reputation	21
Self-Development	18
Academic Program	15
Leadership Training	14
Other:	
Athletics	4
Economics	2
Family Influences	3

Class of 2010

Reason	Overall
Desire to be an Army Officer	22
USMA's Overall Reputation	22
Self-Development	19
Academic Program	15
Leadership Training	14
Other:	
Athletics	4
Economics	2
Family Influences	2

Academic Program Math-Science-Engineering

- Basic Sciences Interdisciplinary
- Chemistry and Life Science
- Chemical Engineering Studies
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering Studies
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic and Information Technology Systems
- Engineering Management
- Engineering Psychology
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Geography
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Engineering Studies
- Geospatial Information Science
- Information Systems
- Life Science
- Mathematical Science
- Mathematical Studies
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering Science
- Operations Research
- Operations Research Studies
- Physics
- Systems Engineering
- Systems Management

Academic Program Humanities & Social Sciences

- Art, Philosophy and Literature
- Economics
- Foreign Area Studies
- Foreign Languages
- History
- Human Geography
- Law And Legal Studies
- Leadership
- Management
- Military Art and Sciences
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Obtain a Nomination

Congressional Nomination

Determined by nominating source

Service-Connected Nomination

Nomination by the Secretary of the Army for eligible applicants

Sample Letters Available for download from Candidate Information Website!

https://secwww.admissions.usma.edu/cand/signin.asp

Cadet Profile: Class of 2010

Top 20% of High School Class	70%
Valedictorians	8%
Salutatorians	3%
National Merit Scholarship Recognition	17%
National Honor Society	61%
Boys/Girls State	18%
Class or Student Body President	20%
Scouting Participant	40%
Eagle Scout or Gold Award Winner	14%
Varsity Letter Winners	93%
Team Captain	63%

Mean SAT: Verbal - 630, Math - 648
Mean ACT: English - 29, Math - 29, Sci/Reas - 27, Reading - 30

Sustained Excellence

Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs

1. Rose Hulman Institute of Technology
2. Harvey Mudd
3. Cooper Union
4. USMA & USNA
5. USAFA

- Civil Engineering: USMA ranked 3d
- Mechanical Engineering: USMA ranked 6th
- Electrical Engineering: USMA ranked 11th

- USMA ranked 1st among undergraduate schools with toughest admissions in 2003.

The Princeton Review

Graduation Rates*

Selected "Best National Universities" & Military Academies	
Institution	***% Graduated***
Harvard University	**98**
Princeton University	**97**
University of Notre Dame	**95**
Stanford University	**94**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	**92**
University of Chicago	**87**
United States Military Academy	**84****
Vanderbilt University	**81**
United States Air Force Academy	**79**
Texas A&M	**75**
University of Texas at Austin	**71**
Ohio State	**62**
Average: Tier I Universities	**72*****

* Average of '03 actual graduation rates (six year average)
** The USMA graduation rate excludes Cadet Basic Training losses
*** Average is based on '03 graduation rates for top 130 National Universities

National Scholarships

Rhodes (since 1923)	
Harvard	287
Yale	190
Princeton	164
USMA	**84**
Stanford	70
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USNA	36
USAFA	33

Marshall (since 1983)	
Harvard	97
Princeton	54
Stanford	46
Yale	42
MIT	35
Brown	30
USMA	**27**
:	:
USNA	15
USAFA	8

Hertz (since 1969)	
MIT	99
Stanford	62
Princeton	40
USMA	**37**
Harvard	36
USAFA	28
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Yale	14
USNA	9

As of September 2005